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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL NATIONAL DAY MESSAGE FOR ISRAEL

1. THERE FOLLOWS MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO PRESIDENT KATZIR ON OCCASION OF ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE DAY (SIGNED ORIGINAL TO FOLLOW BY POUCH). MESSAGE SHOULD BE DELIVERED ON RECEIPT AND EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONFIRM DELIVERY BY IMMEDIATE PRECEDENT CABLE TO DEPARTMENT.

2. BEGIN TEXT: APRIL 27, 1976

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, I OFFER MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS ON THE OCCASION OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF ISRAEL. THE STRONG FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAS CONTINUED SINCE THE CREATION OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL, IN WHICH WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE PLAYED A ROLE. THIS FRIENDSHIP HAS MATURED AND DEEPENED THROUGH OUR COMMON STRIVING OVER THE YEARS TO HELP ADVANCE A FINAL PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IT HAS BEEN REINFORCED BY OUR ADMIRATION FOR THE CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC GENIUS OF

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THE ISRAELI PEOPLE AND FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO DEMOCRACY.

THE UNITED STATES REMAINS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO THE EXISTENCE
AND SECURITY OF ISRAEL AND TO EFFORTS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE

ACHIEVEMENT OF A JUST AND ENDURING PEACE IN YOUR REGION.
THE COURAGE AND CONVICTION OF THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL PROVIDE
YOUR COUNTRY WITH A SPECIAL STRENGTH IN THE SEARCH FOR A
LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IN MEETING THE CHAL-
LENGES OF THE FUTURE, YOU WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE OUR
PRAYERS, OUR SUPPORT AND OUR SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING.
WITH WARM PERSONAL REGARDS,
GERALD R. FORD END TEXT.

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